

Abstract of Disclosure

Provided is an image forming apparatus that has a power-saving control unit controlling a power-saving mode to be activated or deactivated, and that transmits and receives data to/from an external apparatus. The image forming apparatus includes: a communication unit that accesses the external apparatus, and, when the external apparatus stores image data addressed to the image forming apparatus, obtains the image data; an image forming unit that forms an image according to the obtained image data; and a communication control unit that controls the communication unit to access the external apparatus while the power-saving mode is deactivated, for example i) when the power-saving mode gets deactivated, and ii) when an image forming operation ends.